



Tel Smith Goalkeeping (TSG)

Football Player Behavior Policy:

Our Football Player Behavior Policy is essential to ensure a positive, respectful, and productive environment for all players, coaches, and stakeholders involved in the sport.

****Objective:****

To promote a positive, respectful, and supportive environment that encourages player development, group unity, and sportsmanship both on and off the field.

****Expected Player Behavior:****

1. ****Respect and Sportsmanship:****

- Players will show respect for teammates, coaches, opponents, referees, and spectators.

- Positive behavior will be encouraged, and players are expected to represent the group with dignity both on and off the field.

- No use of abusive language, physical altercations, or unsportsmanlike conduct will be tolerated.

2. ****Commitment and Responsibility:****

- Players must commit to attending practices and matches on time and with a full effort.

- Players are expected to maintain physical and mental discipline both during training sessions and competitions.

3. **Discipline and Compliance:**

- Players must follow all rules set forth by the coach, and governing football authorities.

- Players must adhere to the instructions of coaches and referees during all practices, games, and events.

- Disrespect or disregard for the decisions of referees and coaching staff will result in disciplinary actions.

4. **Group Unity and Collaboration:**

- Players will work together to support the group, emphasizing cooperation over individual achievement.

- Conflict resolution will be handled professionally, and all group members are encouraged to help foster a positive group environment.

5. **Off-field Behavior:**

- Players are expected to maintain a high standard of behavior when representing the group.

- Negative behavior (such as bullying, fighting, or engaging in illegal activities) will be addressed seriously and may result in disciplinary action.

Consequences for Violations:

1. **Verbal Warning:**

- A coach may issue a verbal warning for minor infractions or first-time offenses, explaining the behavior and setting expectations for improvement.

2. **Temporary Suspension:**

- For repeated or more severe violations, a player may be temporarily suspended from training or a match.

3. **Permanent Removal:**

- In cases of gross misconduct or persistent failure to adhere to the behavior policy, a player may be permanently removed from the team.

4. **Parent/Guardian Involvement:**

- In cases of younger players, parents or guardians will be notified of serious violations, and a meeting may be arranged to address concerns and ensure that proper behavior is re-established.

Encouraging Positive Behavior:

- **Recognition:** Players who consistently demonstrate exemplary behavior, teamwork, and commitment will be recognized
- **Mentorship:** Senior players are encouraged to mentor younger or newer players, helping them integrate into the group culture and maintain the standards expected.

Conclusion:

We expect both players and parents/carers to adhere to this policy, by doing so, all players and parents contribute to a positive and productive football environment where each individual can grow, learn, and excel. Coaches and players will work together to create an atmosphere that prioritizes respect, teamwork, and personal development.